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NOTIFICATION

As per Rule 4(1) of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, all waste generators are required to segregate and store the wastes generated by them in three separate streams namely, bio-degradable, non-biodegradable and domestic hazardous wastes in suitable bins and handover the segregated wastes to authorised waste collectors. In addition, Rule 8 of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 provides for minimising generation of plastic wastes and their segregation at source for proper collection and management in accordance with the Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 thereby preventing littering and indiscriminate dumping of such wastes.

It has been observed that unsegregated solid wastes are being transported and dumped by Urban & Rural Local Bodies, institutions and individuals at landfill sites, rendering them virtually untreatable and resulting into huge garbage mound leading to possibility of shortening the life of scientifically designed landfills. As per the design, landfills are meant for disposal of inert items (wastes which are not bio-degradable, recyclable or combustible street sweeping or dust and silt removed from the surface drains) only.

As per the order of the Hon'ble NGT, in the matter of O.A No. 606/2018 dated 3rd November 2022, the State Government has been directed to take time bound measures for effective management of waste generated on day-to-day basis as well as ensuring necessary remedial actions on waste accumulated over the years at landfill sites. In order to reduce burden of the landfills and scientific disposal of wastes, it is necessary on the part of all stakeholders to segregate wastes at source and only segregated wastes are to be sent to landfills for further processing and disposal.

Now, therefore, the following directions are hereby issued for compliance by all concerned including Urban & Rural Local Bodies, commercial establishments, Government Departments & Undertakings, bulk waste generators, urban & rural households etc.: -

1. Component wise source segregation (biodegradable, non-biodegradable, domestic hazardous waste and plastic waste) shall be compulsorily carried out at the household level.

2. Only segregated wastes shall be collected by the garbage vehicles by Urban & Rural Local Bodies and any other agency responsible for transportation of wastes.
3. Land fills shall henceforth accept only inert wastes.
4. All Urban & Rural Local Bodies shall be fully responsible for ensuring implementation of collection and scientific disposal of solid wastes as per norms.

Any violation shall be viewed seriously and actions against violators shall be taken as per provisions of relevant rules/norms.

Further, it is hereby directed that the landfills shall be under the following authorities for operation, supervision and monitoring:-

1. Martam landfills : Gangtok Municipal Corporation
2. Shipchu Landfill (under construction & inpartial use): Naya Bazar Jorethang Nagar Panchayat.
3. Landfill under Mangan District: Mangan Nagar Panchayat.

The concerned District Collector having administrative jurisdiction of landfill shall regularly review and monitor the implementation of the directions laid down in Rule 12 (a) and (b) of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and ensure full compliance of the relevant norms and direction of Hon'ble NGT.

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